

**Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm
on Thursday 2 May 2024 at the Lido, Havre des Pas**

Chairman: Simon Crowcroft (SC)

Present: David Warr, Tom Coles, Centenier Danny Scaife

Apologies: Beatriz Poree, Andy Jehan, Sam Mezec, Lynne Capie, Julia Lydford Isabel Silva, Ric Mallet, Sarah Burns, Carmel O'Connor, Malcolm Rey

Approval of Minutes for 11 April 2024.

The minutes were hereby approved.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Update from the Police

Community officer Joe was present and standing in for the St Helier Community Officers who were unable to attend. Joe explained he is a Community Officer for the Western Parishes but has familiarised himself with the issues in the area.

He explained that he had reviewed the logs within the wider Havre des Pas area including Pier Road, St Clement's Road and La Route Du Fort. He confirmed 21 calls had been received, 5 were youth-related anti-social issues, 3 of which were in the Easter Holidays. He confirmed that the other 2 occurred after the holidays and both related to the same group of youths. He further confirmed that no offenses had been committed so no arrests were made, with the last incident being just outside of the main Havre des Pas area up by the reversing bays. Most of the other calls related to concerns from the public about vulnerable people.

Joe issued a plea to residents to keep reporting any issues ahead of the summer season. He explained that the police go where the demand is and so if the residents would like to see greater police presence, they need to continue reporting issues. The advice issued was see something, say something.

Residents raised various issues regarding cyclists. Firstly, the speed of electric bikes down the promenade and along the cycle track, especially around rush hour at the end of the working day. It was highlighted that no care is given to pedestrians in the area who have right of way. Joe emphasised the importance of reporting these issues to enable the police to build up greater intelligence of the issues to better understand the levels of risk in the area. He also confirmed he would take the feedback back with him after the meeting. Other issues raised included cyclists not joining the road at the end of the cycle track and continuing to cycle on the pavement, cars not allowing cyclists to join the road at the end of the cycle track and the signage in the area for cyclists not being clear enough/ in the best location.

No feedback could be given about the patrol of the shelters in the area. It was requested by the residents that an update be provided at the next meeting.

Finally, it was confirmed that the summertime patrol plan is currently with the Senior Leadership Team who are identifying hot spots. It was again emphasised to continue reporting things so that the Havre des Pas area moves higher up the priority list if necessary.

Parking fines were raised as a major issue along Havre des Pas with people being heavily penalised for stopping to drop things off. Centenier Danny Scaife (DS) confirmed that I&E patrol during the day and the Parish patrol after 6pm and on Sundays. It was raised that a resident had been issued a £100 fine for pulling over to drop something off. DS confirmed this would be because they had mounted the pavement, to which the resident confirmed they had been told off for pulling over on the road as it was causing an obstruction and had been told by an officer to mount the pavement and subsequently received a fine. DS confirmed there is a robust appeal process if people are issued tickets for dropping off and suggested leaving a note in your windscreen explaining you were stopping for 5 minutes to drop off.

The issue of illegal parking on the slip was raised with residents suggesting that I&E officers refused to issue tickets as it is out of their remit. DS confirmed that only one person has a permit to park on the slip and he is in discussions with I&E to get slip ways added onto their systems so they can issue tickets. Residents also raised concerns with cars driving onto the beach to turn around, suggesting that the main issues are focused on Green Street slipway.

Update from I&E

SC confirmed he was standing in for Andy Jehan at the meeting as he was unable to attend. SC confirmed that the department would be consulting later this month on the next phase of the Village Improvement Scheme confirming that there will be no one-way trial but that there are plans for speed humps and pavement widening included. SC further confirmed there were no plans for pedestrian crossings but that he will push for them to be included.

Updating on the Sovereign Hire Car car park proposal, it was confirmed that the traffic planning officers opposed the idea. SC confirmed the owner of the site would like to see it used as a car park and that Andy Jehan is supportive also. SC believes the planning officers issues are not insurmountable and will continue to pursue the project.

SC explained he had been asked to identify areas in St Helier in need of pedestrian crossings. He estimates there are at least 100 needed.

Following on from the earlier discussion regarding anti-social behaviour in the shelters in the area SC confirmed there is a Parish-wide issue regarding groups congregating to drink especially outside stores with a 6th category alcohol licence. SC expressed that they have tried everything and believes the only solution is to introduce alcohol exclusion zones.

SC expressed the need for a meeting of the steering group to conduct a walkabout of the site and note down any action points. It was noted that the members of the steering group had not received a copy of the terms of reference. It was resolved to send the members an invitation to the meeting along with a copy of the terms of reference.

SC read out an email sent from a resident and regular swimmer who could not attend the meeting expressing their frustrations about the state of the Lido. They expressed that the stairs into the pool are cracked and very slippery from not being cleaner and that there were various issues in the changing rooms/ toilets including missing toilet seats, no soap in the dispensers and dryers that don't work.

Any other business

Richard Le Sueur explained that he was the architect who originally designed the Alix Shipyard Gardens. He explained that the land is owned and run by the Vingtaine de la Ville who are supposed to have two procureurs who meet once a year and manage bank accounts. The money in the accounts comes from the sale of land including Fort Regent, which they formerly owned and sold. He further explained that there is only one procureur who wishes to retire. It was noted that an AGM and elections would need to be held to find two new procureurs. Richard confirmed he will circulate a list of responsibilities and duties for anyone interested in the role. It was noted that the only criteria are that you must be a proprietor in the area (i.e. homeowner). It was confirmed that there is a keen resident in the area who weeds the garden regularly.

It was requested that an agenda item for the next meeting be where the money ringfenced for Havre des Pas in the Government Island Plan is and what it is going to be spent on.

It was requested that a date for consultation and a budget be provided for the Shoreline Management Scheme. It was highlighted that a date of June 2024 was given in previous minutes.

Elise Wetherall gave a brief update on the Havre des Pas Seaside Festival confirming that planning was underway, and a few new stallholders had been confirmed with a focus on wellbeing and the seaside. It was confirmed that once Liberation Day is over, attention will turn to the festival and marketing.

Residents who live in the house where the large fairground ride is situated raised concerns over the strobe lights being pointed into their house for the entire weekend as well as the raised platform for joining the ride being almost level to their balcony. The residents confirmed they had not been consulted with either before the ride was put in place. Elise confirmed she would take this feedback back and investigate what changes can be made for this year.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13 June at 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas